

# Deconstruction & Salvaging Materials in Existing Buildings



## What is Deconstruction and Salvage?

In the simplest sense, *deconstruction* is the opposite of construction. This alternative to demolition involves the dismantling or removal of building materials. It maximizes the recovery of valuable building materials for reuse and recycling and minimizes the amount of waste landfilled.

In some instances, deconstruction is not a viable option, but *salvaging* generally is. Fixtures, doors, lumber, bricks, mechanical units, and other materials within commercial and residential buildings may be individually removed and reused.



## Why Deconstruct or Salvage Instead of Demolish?

1. You may pay less to deconstruct than demolish an existing building
2. You may reduce disposal fees
3. You may be able to sell salvaged material
4. You can conserve natural resources (through reuse)
5. You can reduce landfilled materials
6. You can create jobs and training opportunities

**\$ Save Money...  
Conserve Resources!**



## What Steps Do I Take To Pursue Deconstruction or Salvage?

1. Apply for appropriate approval from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and other necessary agencies.
2. Apply for City of Sunnyvale demolition permit, no additional City permits are necessary
3. Do site walk-through to get an overview of potentially salvageable materials such as machinery, lumber, lighting, and bathroom or kitchen fixtures. Current City codes and City Departments may determine whether some items are reusable.
4. Contact appropriate deconstruction and/or salvage companies; set time schedule for site tour(s) to determine which course of action is most cost-effective
5. Determine salvage and/or deconstruction work to be completed depending on input from companies and set work schedule
6. Complete salvage and deconstruction while awaiting building permit (plan accordingly)



**Questions? Contact the Sunnyvale Commercial  
Recycling Program at (408) 730-7484**

(deconstruction & salvage companies on reverse side)  
**Deconstruction & Salvage Companies**

**Full Service:** Bid on demolition contracts and perform deconstruction and demolition.

**Partial Service:** Work with your demolition contractor to perform deconstruction and salvaging.

**Collection:** Collect materials that have been removed from the structure by contractor. May also remove materials under special circumstances.

**Drop-off:** Accept materials for dropped off at their warehouse during business hours.  
*Call first.*

Company	Contact	Service			
		Full	Partial	Collection	Drop-off
<b>Beyond Waste</b> (Santa Rosa) <a href="http://www.beyondwaste.com">www.beyondwaste.com</a>	(707) 792-2555 precycle@sonic.net	x			
<b>Berkeley Architectural Salvage</b> (Oakland)	(510) 655-2270		x	x	x
<b>Building Resources</b> (San Francisco) <a href="http://www.buildingresources.org">www.buildingresources.org</a>	(415) 285-7814			x	x
<b>C &amp; K Salvage</b> (Oakland)	Charles Allen (510) 569-2070	x		x	x
<b>Caldwell Building Wreckers</b> (San Francisco) <a href="http://www.caldwell-bldg-salvage.com">www.caldwell-bldg-salvage.com</a>	Robert Caldwell (415) 550-6777 admin@caldwell-bldg-salvage.com	x	x	x	x
<b>Ohmega Salvage</b> (Berkeley)	(510) 843-7368 ohmegasalvage@earthlink.net		x	x	x
<b>Randazzo Enterprises</b> (Castroville)	(831) 633-4420 jrandazzo@aol.com				
<b>Reusable Lumber Company</b> (Mountain View) <a href="http://www.reusablelumber.com">www.reusablelumber.com</a>	(650) 529-9122	x	x		
<b>The Reuse People</b> (San Leandro) <a href="http://www.thereusepeople.org">www.thereusepeople.org</a>	(510) 567-8525 info@thereusepeople.org	x	x		x
<b>This and That</b> (San Pablo)	(510) 232-1273		x	x	x
<b>Whole House Building Supply</b> (East Palo Alto) <a href="http://www.driftwoodsalvage.com">www.driftwoodsalvage.com</a>	(650) 856-0634 gardner@batnet.com		x	x	x
<b>Urban Ore</b> (Berkeley)	(510) 559-4460 uocopark@sbcglobal.net			x	x

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